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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. I SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN YOU INTERVIEW ON CAM:
- A. TODAY WE ARE WITHESSING A MASSIVE OUTPOURING OF BEIJING CITIZENS TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF LARGE NUMBERS OF CHINESE ARMY TROOPS INTO THE CENTER OF BEIJING. BY BLOCKING MILITARY UNITS ALL OVER THE CITY THESE CHINESE CITIZENS ARE MAKING A PASSIONATE STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRACY AND AGAINST THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE. THIS IS AN ACTION THAT WE FAVOR AS WE MAVE COMSISTEKTLY DONE IN THE PAST IN THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA, AND ELSEWHERE.
- 0. WE MOPE THE CHINESE ARMY WILL EXERCISE RESTRAINT. IF THE HILITARY USES FORCE AGAINST ITS OWN FELLOW-CITIZENS, THIS WOULD DISTURB THIS GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE MOPE THAT THE CHINESE ARMY, WHICH HAS ALWAYS CALLED LYSELF THE ARMY OF THE PEOPLE, WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPRESS THE CHINESE PEOPLE.
- C. FIVE AMERICAN PRESIDENTS INCLUDING PRESIDENT BUSH WAVE WORKED TO BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR COOPERATION AND FRIENDSRIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. WE WISH THE CHIMESE PEOPLE WELL AS THEY STRIVE TO HODERNIZ THEIR COUNTRY AND ME INTEND TO BE A HAJOR PARTICIPANT IN THIS PROCESS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT NOTHING THAT HAPPENS IN TRESE CRITICAL DAYS WILL MEAKEN THE BASIS FOR OUR SUPPORT.
- D. OUR CONCERN ABOUT EYERTS IN BEIJING OF COURSE ALSO EXTENDS TO THE WELFARE OF AMERICANS THERE. OUR EMBASSY OFFICERS NAVE PERSCHALLY URGED ALL AMERICANS TO LEAVE THE AREA AROUND TIAMANMEN SQUARE TO RETURN TO THEIR NOTELS OR HOMES FOR THEIR SAFETY. DUR OFFICERS NAVE LIMITED THEIR OWN MOVEMENTS IN THE DAMGER AREAS AND OUR TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR CRINA REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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